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1. All entrances to Gdynia harbor are at present usable. The breakwater head is still partly destroyed, but is being repaired. The hulk of the GNEISENAU is not visible. All incoming non-Polish vessels must report to the observation post on the south pier, and are assigned an armed guard who accompanies them to their assigned berth. Guards are navy, customs, and police personnel. West German vessels are kept close to the observation post. Permits to go ashore are granted by the harbor captain located on the south pier.
2. In Harbor Basin Number I, all piers were damaged, but wooden emergency structures and filling have made them usable. An effort is being made to restore them. Reconstruction activity centers about the observation post and signal office. Except for a long loading bridge on the east side of the harbor, the installations are completely destroyed. Six old torpedo boats or escort vessels, from 400 to 600 tons, were in the harbor and apparently in service on 22 January.
3. In Harbor Basin Number II, the crane installations on the north pier which were destroyed are now functioning. Large amounts of coal are transhipped from this harbor. Five steamers of about 3,000 tons loaded with coal were on the north side of the harbor. Ten steam colliers were among the many merchant ships at anchor in the roadstead. Three Polish fishing steamers and several fishing cutters had berths at the south pier.
4. The shipyard, formerly the "Deutsche Werke, Kiel", is located in the north corner of Harbor Basin Number II. No warships are there. Twenty fishing cutters in various stages of completion were the wooden-hulled, KKK type, with strong motors. The former German steamer EMILIE SAUBER was tied up at the wharf; it apparently was raised and is being reconditioned. The old gun mountings were on deck but there were no weapons.
5. Six patrol boats with Soviet crews were on the land side of Sassnitz Harbor near the freight ferry basin. One of them was number 446. They have raised forecastles sloping off from the bridge to low, open upper decks (überhöhte Deck, an der Brücke abfallend zum niedrigen, durchgehenden Oberdeck), one smokestack, and are flat sterned. Each carries a 70 or 80 mm. weapon aft. They

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are approximately the size of the former German torpedo boats of the "G" type, and appear to be new. There is no resemblance to the former German types."

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Comment: Probably fleet minesweeper "T-301" class.

Attachment: Sketch of Gdynia Harbor.

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